

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation regulates the use of what are known as Whole Body Scanners within the state of Idaho. A whole body scanner is a device that takes a 360 degree x-ray of persons providing a detailed picture of the subject where the subject is essentially naked in the picture. There are currently a few of these whole body scanners in use at the larger airports and governmental buildings in the United States. However, more of these whole body scanners are planned to be installed at additional airports and other facilities around the country.

This legislation requires the Director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security to make a finding that the use of the whole body scanners are safe for persons who will frequently be x-rayed by them, who operate the devices or who work in close proximity to them.

It is the intent of this legislation to balance the need for secure public facilities while at the same time respecting the constitutional rights of Idahoans, especially those found at Article I, section I "Inalienable Rights of Man" and Article I, section 17 "Unreasonable Searches and Seizures Prohibited."

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation delineates state policy for the use of whole body scanners. There is no fiscal impact.

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